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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: William E. Duncan et al. Examiner: Pramila Parthasarathy  
Serial No.: 09/774,001 Group Art Unit: 2136  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING EXPANDABLE PROXY  
FIREWALL SERVICES

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.31(a)(1), Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 25, 2005, of the Examiner rejecting claims 1-24, 26 and 27 of the above-identified patent application.

A request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's rejection is submitted herewith along with payment of the required extension fee.

Please charge the amount of \$250.00 in payment of the Notice of Appeal fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1), as well as any additional required fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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